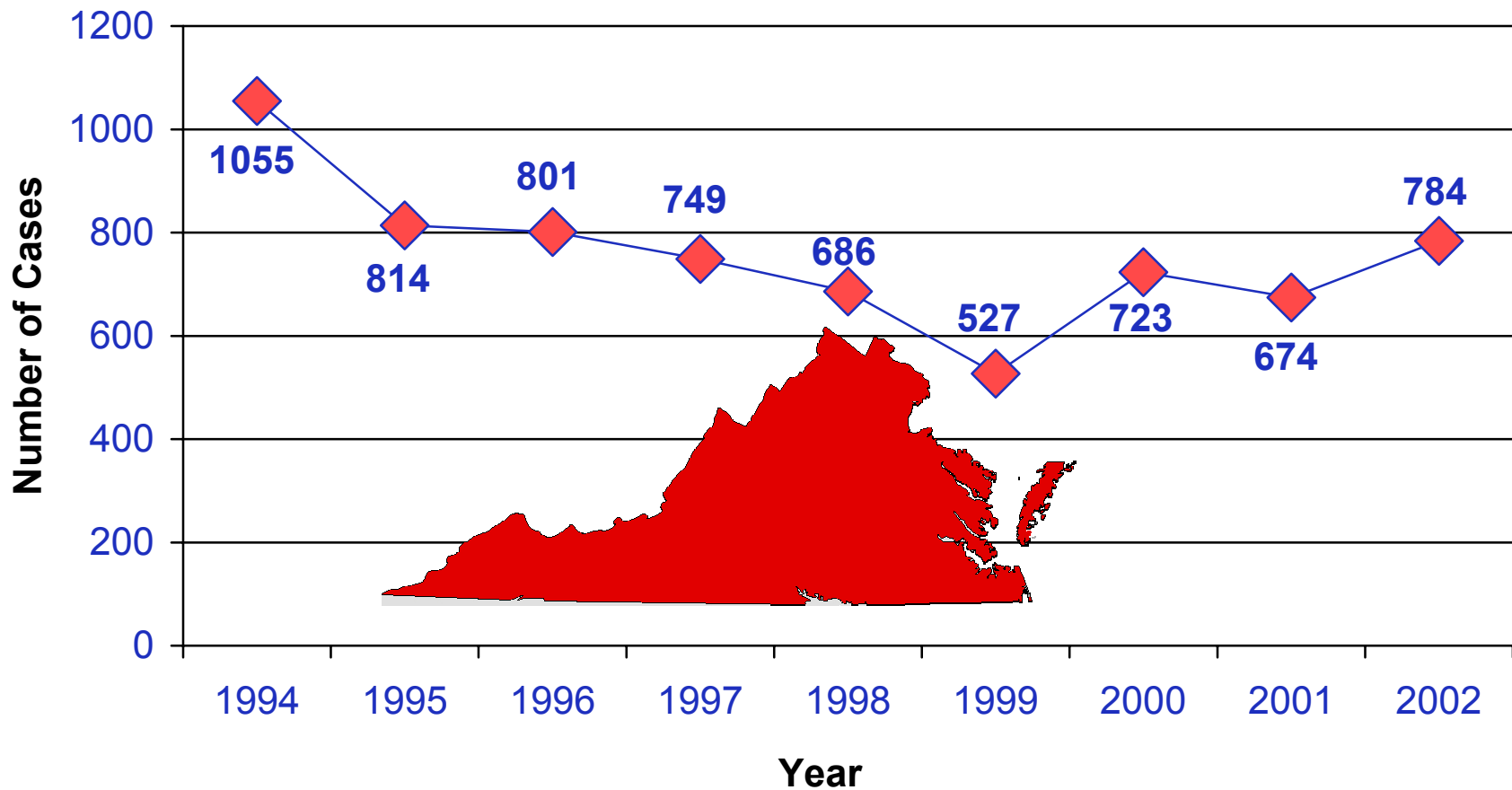


Reported New Cases of Childhood Elevated Blood Lead Levels, by Year, from 1994 to 2002



Revisions to the *Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control* effective January 1, 1999, changed the reportable blood lead level for Virginia children from ≥ 15 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) to ≥ 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$. Blood lead levels between 10 and 14 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ that were reported voluntarily prior to 1999 are reflected in these data. The mean yearly total is 757 with a standard deviation of 141.8.